

# Hermiston Police to offer active shooter training for civilians

By **JENNIFER COLTON**  
Staff Writer

The poster shows a man with a gun pointed at the camera and the haunting words, "What would you do?"

The Hermiston Police Department hopes the poster — and the program behind it — will start a conversation about what to do when faced with an active shooter.

C.R.A.S.E. stands for "civilian response to active shooter events," and Hermiston police are bringing their training and tools into the community.

"The big question is, do you know what to do in that situation? It really is that simple," Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said. "For the majority of people, the answer is no."

C.R.A.S.E. works to give individuals tools and awareness of how to stay safe until law enforcement arrives through a mantra of "Avoid. Deny. Defend."

"I think it's valuable to give them a little information of what to do should an event take place," Edmiston said. "Statistics show that little things like impeding someone's thought process can make a huge difference."

This summer, Edmiston hopes to send officers into local businesses to complete trainings on site so employees know how to react to an aggressive individual — shooter or not — in the time between

when an alarm is signaled and when officers arrive.

"Our plan is really to open it up to anyone who wants that training, go out there and offer one in their place of business," Edmiston said. "It's not a fun subject when you think about it, but it is necessary."

Edmiston said before shooting events like Columbine High School, law enforcement training focused on waiting for specialized responders, but, as law enforcement waited for

those teams to arrive, people died. The shooting lead to different programs and strategies, and Hermiston Police Officers are trained in two both C.R.A.S.E. and A.L.I.C.E. — Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate — response programs. While the department has worked with A.L.I.C.E. for a longer period of time, they started with C.R.A.S.E. in 2015.

Last week, Hermiston Police trained Umatilla officers in the program;

in June, officers will train school staff. Edmiston said offering the training allows officers to interact with the community in a positive way.

"We're not promoting violence, but we're promoting people protecting and defending themselves," Edmiston said.

If anyone is interested in scheduling a training with the Hermiston Police and C.R.A.S.E., contact Capt. Travis Eynon at 541-667-5103.

## GREEN:

continued from Page A4

ment, the offender ran, and the farmer with the soiled boot removed it and threw it at his compatriot. The spat turned into a fun re-enactment and eventually a friendly competition that found its way onto the streets of Heppner. For the 2016 competition, four teams tossed the Wellington boots as well as more than 60 individuals. The 4-H Club "Grow Em and Show Em" organized the Welly Toss this year, handing out appropriately sized Wellington boots to participants of all ages.

"We started helping three years ago, and then we started taking over," Jennifer Wilson, 4-H club co-leader, said Saturday. "It's a lot of fun."

The fun brought out crowds from Heppner, throughout Morrow County, Umatilla County and beyond. Two boys from Dallas, Oregon, visiting the area sported green and took a chance at the Welly Toss.

"It's tricky and harder than it looks," Ben Fink, 11, said. "But it's fun to come to this."

While Fink performed well in the toss, his fellow Dallas visitor made it even farther.

"It's fun because we don't get to do things like this back home," 11-year-old Garrett Munkers said. "We have parades, but we don't have these kinds of activities. This one (the Welly Toss) is my favorite. I love this."

The Wee Bit O'Ireland Festival continued Sunday with vendors, sheep dog trials, and "Road Bowling" at Balm Fork Road.



Wellington boots were the material of choice during the Welly Toss.

STAFF PHOTO BY JENNIFER COLTON

## 2016 'Great Green' parade winners

### Irish Theme – Green:

1. Grand Marshal's Float
2. Hermiston Funrunners

### Irish Floats – Business:

1. Heppner Post Office
2. Morrow County Grain Growers (CASE Apache Sprayer)

### Antique & Custom Vehicles:

1. Blue Mountain A's
2. Desert Shrine Club

### Merchant Trophy:

1. Bank of Eastern Oregon
2. Community Bank



Visitors take in classic cars during the "Cruz-In" at Heppner's Wee Bit O'Ireland festival.

STAFF PHOTO BY JENNIFER COLTON

## Welly Toss Results

### Teams

- First place — Extinguishers
- Second place — Murrays
- Third place — Team Tom Gregg

### Men's Category

- First place — Jeremy Wilson
- Second place — Kevin Murray

### Women's Category

- First place — Caralen Proebster
- Second place — Jennifer Ashbeck

### Youth categories

- Boys 2-8 champion: Jace Wilson
- Boys 9-16 champion: Ty Boor
- Girls 2-8 champion: Clara Connor
- Girls 9-16 champion: Chantiel Rumenapp

## Two Rivers reports death of inmate in prison infirmary

A 60-year-old inmate died unexpectedly Sunday in the infirmary at Two Rivers Correctional Institution.

Prison staff found Ronald Marcus unresponsive in his cell at about 10:10 a.m. An investigation is underway by Oregon State Police. No other details have been released.

Marcus was incarcerated on Feb. 18, 2014, out of Multnomah County on one count of

first-degree manslaughter. His earliest release date was March 15, 2028.

This is the second unanticipated death at TRCI in less than a month.

Joel Abbot, 60, who was serving a life sentence for first-degree murder since 1993, was found unresponsive in his cell on February 27 and flown to a Portland hospital, where he died.

TRCI houses about 1,800 male inmates.



Robert Marcus

## MEDICAL DIRECTORY

### FAMILY DENTISTRY



**Family Dentistry**  
~New Patients Welcome~  
541-567-8161  
995 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston



Ryan M. Wieseler, D.D.S.

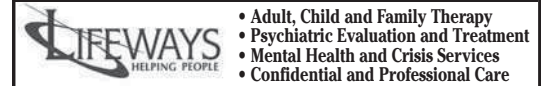
### URGENT & FAMILY CARE

#### URGENT CARE

Sports & Dot Physicals • Minor Injuries • Family Care • Minor Surgeries  
We accept Medicare & some Advantage Medicare plans  
**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**  
HOURS: Mon.-Sat. 7:30am-7:00pm  
541-567-1137  
236 E. Newport Hermiston (across from U.S. Bank)

### MENTAL HEALTH

LET US BE THE ONE THAT HELPS!



**LIFEWAYS** HELPING PEOPLE  
LIFEWAYS PENDLETON 331 SE 2nd St., Pendleton, OR 97801 Office: 541-276-6207  
Crisis Phone: 866-343-4473  
WWW.LIFEWAYS.ORG  
LIFEWAYS HERMISTON 595 NW 11th St., Hermiston, OR 97838 Office: 541-567-2536

### PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Call Today!  
541-289-5433  
1060 W. Elm, Suite #115, Hermiston, OR  
(across from Good Shepherd Medical Center)  
**www.apd4kidz.com**  
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm  
**Advanced PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**  
CareCredit, VISA, M.C. Find us on Facebook

### VISION CARE

#### EYE HEALTH & VISION CARE

**Robert D. Rolen, O.D., LLC**  
Optometric Physician  
115 W. HERMISTON AVE., SUITE 130  
541-567-1837

### URGENT & FAMILY CARE

**GOOD SHEPHERD** HEALTH CARE SYSTEM  
Good Shepherd Medical Group  
The specialists you asked for...  
...Right here at home.  
600 NW 11th St., Suite E-37 - Hermiston - www.gshealth.org  
Family Medicine  
Internal Medicine  
Pediatrics  
Women's Health  
General Surgery  
Urology  
Appointments 541-567-5305

### URGENT & FAMILY CARE

**GIFFORD MEDICAL** 541-567-2995  
Columbia Professional Plaza  
1050 W. Elm Ave. Ste 110 Hermiston, OR 97838  
Joseph Gifford, M.D.  
Milton J. Johnson, Jr., M.D.  
Angie L. Hays, FNP  
Candace Degenstein, FNP  
Michelle Davies, FNP  
• Urgent and Family Care  
Weekdays 8am-6pm  
Saturdays 9am-3pm  
Walk-Ins Welcome  
• In-House X-Rays  
• Adjacent Lab

To advertise in the Medical Directory, please call Jeanne at 541-564-4531

EAST OREGONIAN **Hermiston Herald**

# BUTTE CHALLENGE

## SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

### 5K RUN, 5K WALK, 10K RUN, KID'S BUTTE SCOOT

All races begin & end at Hermiston's Butte Park

**DRAWINGS • FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Online registration & race information at [WWW.BUTTECHALLENGE.COM](http://WWW.BUTTECHALLENGE.COM)

**REGISTER ONLINE BY APRIL 21ST TO ORDER A CUSTOM TECHNICAL RACE T-SHIRT**

All proceeds benefit THE HERMISTON CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM  
Thank you for your support!